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**Ozark Fire Protection District – Board of Directors**

**November 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Board President Will Reynolds called a meeting of the Ozark Fire Protection District's Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 18, 2024.**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Ceremonial Matters**.

**Roll Call.** Directors Present: President Reynolds, Director Dobbs, Director Johns, Director Growcock, and Director Price.

Staff Present: Secretary York, Chief Metheny, Chief Heaton, and Chief Thompson.

**Approval of Agenda**.

President Reynolds presented the agenda for revision and/or approval. Director Dobbs moved to accept the agenda. Director Johns provided a second, and all Directors voted in favor.

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**.

The minutes for the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, were presented. Director Johns motioned to approve the minutes; Director Price provided a second. Director Growcock abstained; all other Directors voted in favor.

**Public Comments**. There were no previously registered guests.

**Financial Report.**

Director Growcock presented an overview. Director Dobbs motioned to approve the financial report, and Director Price provided a second. All Directors voted in favor.

**District Monthly Report.**

Staff provided a monthly report of activities and events.

**Old Business.**

1. Discussion and Consideration of the 2025 Budget was delayed until the completion of the closed session due to the need to discuss employee pay and benefits.

**New Business****.**

1. Discussion and Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Swift Water Rescue Equipment to be refunded by the Assistance of Firefighter Grant (AFG).
	1. Director Growcock moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 NRS ASR Inflatable boat and additional personal protective equipment from Core Rescue for $9,756.40 and gloves from Rescue Source for $299.70. Funds will be paid from Capital Reserves and reimbursed from grant funds. Director Price seconded, and all Directors voted in favor.
2. Discussion and Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Portable Radios, Training Classes, and Safety Equipment.
	1. Director Johns moved to approve the purchase of portable radios and equipment from Day Wireless Systems for $12,352.73 and traffic cones from the Traffic Safety Warehouse for $2,849.80. These purchases will be paid from Capital Reserves and reimbursed through a MoDOT Safety Grant. Director Dobbs provided a second, and all Directors voted in favor.

**Adjournment.**

* + - 1. Director Dobbs motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and enter a closed session per RSMO 610.021 (9) to discuss employee pay and benefits. Director Johns provided a second. A roll-call vote to adjourn and enter a closed session was taken, and all Directors voted in favor.

**Closed Session.**

Director Dobbs motioned to enter a closed session per RSMo 610.021 (9). Director Johns provided a second. A roll call vote was taken to enter a closed session, and all Directors voted in favor.

President Reynolds called the closed session to order at 6:50 p.m. with a roll call. All Directors, including Chief Metheny, were present.

The Board of Directors discussed employee COLAs. Director Growcock motioned to provide a 2% COLA. Director Dobbs provided a second, and all Directors voted in favor.

Director Dobbs motioned to adjourn the closed session at 7:05 p.m. and enter an open session. Director Johns provided a second. A roll-call vote was taken to adjourn and enter an open session, and all Directors voted in favor.

**Open Session.**

1. The Board President called the open session to order at 7:05 pm. A roll call was taken, and all Directors were present, including Chief Metheny
2. The Board reported on the action taken in closed session.
3. The Board then discussed the 2025 Budget from Old Business items. Director Growcock motioned to approve the proposed 2025 Budget. Director Price provided a second, and all Directors voted in favor.

**Adjournment.**

Director Price motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Director Dobbs provided a second. All Directors voted in favor.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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